

Eileen Arpke – Education Inductee

Her contributions to education cover a wide range of experience and service from that of a classroom teacher at Ruckel Middle School to a member of the Board of Trustees with Okaloosa-Walton Community College. She currently serves as a member of the Institute of Senior Professionals with the College. She is known for her organizational skills and has been a strong, highly motivating proponent of learning and justice in every endeavor.



Lillian Rose Brodeur – Cultural Arts Inductee

At the age of 83, she creates the fragile and exquisite shell mosaics known as Sailor's Valentines. She is a true artist who educates with her creations, sharing her love of the beauty of shells in mosaic arts with young and old alike.



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Annette Edwins – Posthumous Inductee

Edwins was the first woman to serve as principal of a school in Okaloosa County and the first to have a school named in her honor. This honor was given to her because of her exemplary service to education, her many years of devotion to the children of Okaloosa County and the considerable contributions she made to the improvement of educational resources in Okaloosa County.





Jeanette Henderson – Pioneer Inductee

Jeanette Henderson arrived in Okaloosa County in 1933 and has preserved, collected and recorded the history of Okaloosa County, especially that of the north end of the county. She is a founding member of the North Okaloosa Historical Association and is currently the curator for the Baker Block Museum. She is a member of the Muskogee Indian tribe and served for three years as chief of the Jackson clan and sat on the Muskogee tribal council.



Rachel Godwin – Humanitarian Inductee

Rachel Godwin volunteered for ten years working with AIDS patients through the OASIS organization and served in the Prison Ministry program at Eglin Federal Prison for 25 years. A special project she adopted was that of collecting "footies" left behind by patients in a surgical center and after washing them, donating them to local non-profit organizations, as well as Romania, Brazil and most recently to a Mercy ship going to Africa. Her day job is teaching Sign Language at Silver Sands School and at night she teaches evening classes for community education. Carolyn Spencer Humanitarian The Award.

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Pat Hollarn – Contemporary Inductee

Pat Hollarn is best known as the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections, but Hollarn has served her community in a variety of ways. Civic and community activities include many board memberships, offices committee positions and in organizations such Chambers as of Commerce, The Bridgeway Center, The North Okaloosa American Cancer Society and The Sons of Italy. Her exemplary accomplishments in her profession and community serve as a model of service for women in every walk of life.